

MAR 13 2015

---

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

---

REQUESTING STATE DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE UNUSED STATE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION, EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING, OR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR USE BY A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL, EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM, OR ANY OTHER PURPOSE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE APPLICANT.

1 WHEREAS, public charter schools offer unique educational  
2 options for Hawaii's youth; and

3  
4 WHEREAS, facilities funding has been a long-standing issue  
5 for public charter schools; and

6  
7 WHEREAS, legislators recognized the need to fund charter  
8 schools facilities by moving several measures addressing the  
9 issue to conference during the 2014 Regular Session, but none of  
10 the measures made the final decking deadline; and

11  
12 WHEREAS, the long term financial sustainability of charter  
13 schools continues to be a concern; and

14  
15 WHEREAS, early learning programs are important to a child's  
16 social, cognitive, physical, and emotional development; and

17  
18 WHEREAS, studies have shown that children who participate  
19 in early learning programs are less likely to require expensive  
20 special education and behavioral interventions throughout their  
21 school years; and

22  
23 WHEREAS, the State has a duty to support its public charter  
24 schools and early learning programs; now, therefore,

25  
26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, that all state departments  
29 and agencies are requested to notify the State Public Charter



1 School Commission, Executive Office on Early Learning, and the  
2 Department of Education of unused facilities that may be  
3 appropriate for use by public charter schools, early learning  
4 programs, or the Department of Education; and  
5

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon notice of an unused  
7 facility, the State Public Charter School Commission and  
8 Executive Office on Early Learning are requested to solicit  
9 proposals from public charter schools and early learning  
10 programs, respectively, that are interested in using and  
11 occupying all or portions of the facility; and  
12

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Public Charter School  
14 Commission, Executive Office on Early Learning, and Department  
15 of Education submit applications to use and occupy the facility  
16 to the department or agency in control of the facility; and  
17

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department or agency in  
19 control of the facility is requested to review applications  
20 submitted by the State Public Charter School Commission,  
21 Executive Office on Early Learning, and Department of Education  
22 and make a final determination of which applicant or applicants,  
23 if any, are selected to use and occupy the facility; and  
24

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
27 Superintendent of Education, Executive Director of the State  
28 Public Charter School Commission, and Director of the Executive  
29 Office on Early Learning.  
30  
31  
32

OFFERED BY:

Michelle Sidani  
Dana W. [Signature]

